

Kick Start Your Heart, Mind, Ideas

Kickstarter is the future of funding, and WTF took to the idea like ants to a picnic. It is the best way to bring a great event to the people without risking compromising its ideals at the hands of corporate sponsors or advertisers.

The creators of WTF decided at the event's inception to utilize the new model of crowdfunding to promote and support WTF, that way they would know immediately how the audience felt about it, and they would not have to go to big companies for sponsorships and risk watering down the grit or politics of the event.

Kickstarter is fast becoming the modern way to raise funds for creative projects and offer incredible deals to supporters. "Backers" become vested in the project they are supporting and benefit by receiving really cool, and unique prizes - sometimes stuff that is only available via the kickstarter campaign and only to backers!

Kickstarter offers a great opportunity for creators of projects because they eliminate begging to corporate or big money supporters or government grants. And, by removing the search for sponsors it allows for creatives and creators to focus on their project without having to bend to the wills or whims of sponsors.

WTF organizer Shane Bugbee says, "If we can surpass our goal, then the artists will be paid, otherwise we are only covering travel expenses." But, no matter which, he is thrilled with the new crowdfunding model - pay what you want, and get great prizes. No more are guarantees needed from venues, or booking agents, etc., it makes DIY very easy and fun!

You can support WTF Fest and insure that the artists involved at least get their expenses covered - the cost of even a short tour is high - gas, food, lodging, it can be overwhelming.

WTF Fest is offering discounted admissions, original art, a signed chapbook, and lots of other really cool prizes on Kickstarter, all for the taking while supporting artistic expression and free speech: <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/shanebugbee/wtf-fest-no-taboo-left-unturned>



A personal PLEA or two...

Hey all you wonderful, amazing, talented, & generous people out there! This is a personal plea from me to you. My heroes Shane Bugbee & his beautiful wife Amy Bugbee among other extremely incredible people are helping to organize an event of a lifetime.

This is very personal to me. I have known Shane & Amy for a long time and not only are they great friends but they are the voice of underground artists and champions for art itself in any medium. This means movies, paintings, sculptures, photography, performance art, comics, writing, baking, crafts of all kinds, weird art, outsider art, dangerous art. The stuff that people are scared of and the stuff that people are in love with.

They traveled to every single continental united state to film a documentary and when they left they had barely over a hundred dollars, a bronco, a dog, & a turtle. They talked to every kind of person that lives within our nation's borders. Some nice people & some not so nice, but they had no bias towards anyone. The footage they got is astonishing.

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An Art project in Seattle, WA by shane bugbee · send message

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ABOUT THIS PROJECT

WTF Festival is an art and music festival happening in 5 cities of the Pacific Northwest, and featuring some of the greatest and most outspoken creatives of our time!

Short films will be shown in between poets and musicians, there will be politically charged speakers of every ilk, comedians, great live music, and even live painting with a tesla coil! This is history in the making!

Come for amazing art and music, and unrestrained free expression- we will

11 BACKERS

\$236

PLEGGED OF \$2,000 GOAL

32 DAYS TO GO

THIS PROJECT WILL ONLY BE FUNDED IF AT LEAST \$2,000 IS PLEDGED BY FRIDAY APR 20, 10:00PM EDT.

BACK THIS PROJECT

\$1 MINIMUM PLEDGE

PLEDGE \$2 OR MORE

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A hearty and sincere thank you via email!

Estimated Delivery: May 2012

PLEDGE \$6 OR MORE

1 BACKER

Access to the Live Stream! Get a password to watch any of the events live. Plus, the

Max Reinhart tries to help explain things...

Shane, in response to your post trying to describe this thing that you guys are putting together, I just wanted to throw my 2 cents in regarding what I think WTF Fest is all about....

I don't know....and that is the point! How many shows have I been to in my life where the headliner comes out on stage, plays a bunch of songs off of whatever album they are currently promoting, peppers the set list with some old favorites, says 'Thanks-Good night', walks off stage and comes back 5 minutes later to play 2 more "requests" from the audience? Then the house lights come on, and everyone is ushered out the door, with a stop at the merch table on the way.

The WTF Fest seems to be the antithesis of this. What will you see there? Music performance? Interviews? Poetry readings? Strippers? Who knows WTF will happen when the house lights go down? WTF brings back some of the dangerousness of the counterculture arts that I personally am looking for. I remember going to punk and metal shows when I was 17 and guys were getting punched in the face right next to me! You never knew exactly WHAT you were going to see when you walked through the doors. Fire dancers, people jumping from the balcony or hanging from the rafters, all kinds of crazy shit going down. One thing was for sure-you were in a room full of people who had roughly the same feelings about society and where it was headed. And that felt good!

Chances are that WTF Fest will be a much more civilized type of event-a lot more cerebral, less bodies flying through the air. But who can say for sure? The element of the unknown, of a kind of danger, comes from not knowing. This is the type of event that makes me excited for live performance. I don't want to know WTF it is all about. But I do want to be a part of it. That is why I am backing this, and I think others would be wise to do the same.



Shane & Amy are the very definition of artists who don't care about being labeled artists, it's just who they are. Shane once told me that *“when no new art is being created, when no new ideas are being brought to fruition, that is when the world will end.”* I agree. That is why I am pleading to all of you on my friends list to go to the kickstarter page, read what the event is about, and donate.

We all have to support each other especially DIY artists, bands, filmmakers, fans, everyone. Even the smallest amount can make a difference. I donate all the time to movies being made. I know 10 bucks doesn't seem like much but it is! Anything helps and **all the money is going to support the underground art movement** and all of those who are involved in it or just appreciate it. This is not just any kickstarter fundraiser, this is to show the world how important art still is to so many people, me

being one of them.

So, please at the very least go to the link and read about the event. You still have time to make a difference in so many people's lives. Please don't drop that opportunity. I'll even go as far as this and say if you pledge money and send me a personal message, I will send you something free! A movie, a picture, a poster, a t-shirt, whatever you choose. So please show your support and donate today and please repost to all your friends! Thank you xoxo/Ruby

KICK STARTER

The WTF FEST kickstarter is linked from the website: **wtfest.com** discount tickets & access to the live stream & lots of great gifts. worth a look <http://www.wtfest.com/?p=146>



Hi, My name is Brent Durand and I've been studying with Dave Archer for two years. The WTF Fest is a dream come true for me. I grew up here in Roseburg, Oregon, and have not traveled much. I'm 20 years old, and I'm practically begging you to donate something to our effort of using the website: Kickstarter, to raise money for road expenses. Anything you could offer would be greatly appreciated, especially for us younger artists who are just getting started. If you offer more, you can pick up some wonderful art donated by all the artists in the project. Please go to the above site and check it out and help me go on the road with Dave Archer and other artists.

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